

POSSESSION/USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN SCHOOL

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for student possession/use of electronic communication devices in the schools of the district.

For purposes of this policy, electronic communication devices are defined as any telecommunications device (including cellular telephones, pagers, etc.) that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor or someone else.

A student may possess an electronic communication device in school under the following circumstances.

- Possession of an electronic communication device by a student is considered to be a privilege, which may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise engages in the misuse of the device so as to violate school rules, board policy, or the law.
- Students may possess/use electronic devices during non-instructional time, or under the direct supervision of a staff member. Should the device cause any disruption to the instructional process or educational setting, the behavior will be addressed through the school discipline code.
- The district/school is not responsible for devices that are lost, stolen or broken while being used on school premises.
- All students must comply with the district/school Acceptable Use Policy regarding the use of electronic/digital devices.
- The creation of videos/pictures is not allowed without prior approval from an administrator.
- May not be used in any area where personal privacy of others must be respected, i.e., restrooms, dressing rooms, etc.

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Legal references:

- A. S.C. Code of laws, 1976, as amended:
1. Section 59-63-280 - Possession of paging devices by public school students; mobile telephones included; adoption of policies.